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SOURCE   [_____]

1. On 16 March 1953, 12 field grade officers with black-bordered red
    epaulets, and 13 field grade officers with red-bordered black
    epaulets, including 5 colonels, were observed at the officers' club
    in the former Stadtsaele in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Four artillery
    pieces with muzzle brake, 5 trucks and a field kitchen were seen in
    the garages west of the former Kreisgericht. Jeep [_____]and
    truck [_____]were observed in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne.   25X1B
    The barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with
    black-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [_____]driven   25X1B
    by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [_____]   25X1B
    with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, passed the barrier.

2. On 16 March, 2 T-34 tanks, 4 half-track vehicles and 8 trucks were
    parked at Camp Spratzern, south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Ten
    groups of about 10 EM each were engaged in close-order drill without
    rifles. About 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets did rifle
    firing practice at the range south of the installation. Vehicles
    observed included: truck [_____]driven by a soldier with black-
    bordered red epaulets; and trucks [_____]   25X1B
    [_____] driven by
    soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

3. On 18 March, truck [_____] and jeeps [_____]   25X1
    the office on Hoven Gasse in Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). The vehicles were   25X1B
    driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. There was little
    activity at the Albrechts Kaserne. No parked artillery pieces or vehicles
    were seen, and no vehicle traffic was observed at the installation. Six
    37-mm AA guns and 6 trucks were seen in the cantonment on the road to
    Leobendorf. About 20 EM stood near three ballistic directors. Jeeps
    [_____] and trucks [_____]were   25X1B
    observed at the installation. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with
    red-bordered black epaulets.

4. On 18 March, about 50 soldiers with rifles drilled at the Prinz Eugen
    Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). Two majors wearing red-bordered black
    epaulets with artillery insignia left the installation. Two 85-mm AA
    guns were cleaned at the Artillerie Kaserne. About 30 soldiers were

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engaged in rifle drill. Trucks [ ] 25X1B
driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the
installation.

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[ ] Comment. The reports from St. Poelten, Camp Spratzern, Korneu-
burg and Stockerau confirm the previous occupation. The little
activity observed at the Albrechts Kaserne in Korneuburg indicates
that contingents of the 23rd AAA Div left Korneuburg for firing
practices. [ ] 25X1

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